



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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February 18, 2015

ADDENDUM NUMBER TWO

RFQ #7549293

**TITLE: Construction of Site Improvements to WW II Memorial State Park-
Woonsocket, RI**

Closing Date and Time: 3/03/15 at 10:00 AM

Per the issuance of this ADDENDUM #2 (3 pages and PDF files) the following is noted:

Attached is a PDF file with additional information from pre bid conference and answers to questions sent in on line.

As noted by buyer at pre bid conference:

This is a non-mandatory pre bid conference

There may be proposals received from vendors not on the list

Questions are being accepted on line until 2/10/15 at 5pm. The address and instructions how to submit questions is on the bid proposal.

Bid bond is required

Performance bond is required

Specifications and plans are posted on the purchasing website.

This is a public works project and as such requires a CD be submitted along with the paper copy of your bid. Instructions on how to do that are included in the bid package.

Please note the clauses that pertain to public works projects.

There is a General Contractor Apprenticeship Certification Form included in the front end documents. This must be submitted with your bid package if your bid price is 1 million dollars or higher.

There is a Subcontractor Apprenticeship Certification Form included in the front end documents. This form must be completed and submitted to the GC before any work commences on the project. It need not come to purchasing.

There is a General Contractor Apprenticeship Re-Certification and Certification Form included in the front end documents. This form need not be submitted with your bid package. This will be required from the awarded vendor and requested at the tentative letter of award phase.



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This is a prevailing wage project. Please note the certification within the bid package that acknowledges you are aware of your obligations as they pertain to prevailing wage. Included is a bid preparation check list to help you. It is not a substitute for a thorough review of the instructions to bidders.

We are also asking that you submit a new w-9.

On the bid form there is an allowance for landscaping plantings for \$50,000. That should be included in your base bid figure. There are four alternates listed. We are asking for unit pricing on various plantings.

The project has a start date of 4/1/15. There are liquidated damages of \$3,000 per day.

Additional Information:

Q. Can a manufacture or contractor make a submission for an “or equal” product directly, verses having to submit through a bidding general contractor? We have been approached by numerous bidding general contractors that have expressed interest in being able to have a competitive price and product outside what is specified. The reason we are asking is due to time tables and equal submissions. This will expedite the process.

A. **Yes they can. Please note substitution clause requirements:**

SUBSTITUTION TERMS

A) The materials, products, and equipment described in the bidding documents establish a standard of required function, dimension, appearance, and quality to be met by any proposed substitution. B) No substitution will be considered prior to receipt of bids unless written request for approval has been received by state purchasing at least 10 days prior to the date for receipt of bids. Request(s) should be submitted to doa.purbidinfo@purchasing.ri.gov. Such requests shall include the name of the material or equipment for which it is to be substituted and a complete description of the proposed substitution including drawings,

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performance, and test data and other information necessary for an evaluation. A statement setting forth changes in other materials, equipment, or other portions of the work, including changes in the work of other contracts that incorporation of the proposed substitution would require, shall be included. The burden of proof of the merit of the proposed substitution is upon the proposer. The architect's decision of approval or disapproval of a proposed substitution shall be final. C) If the architect approves a proposed substitution prior to receipt of bids, such approval will be set forth in an addendum. Bidders shall not rely upon approvals made in any other manner. D) No substitutions will be considered after the contract award unless specifically provided for in the contract documents.

Regarding MBE question: Respondents should be aware of all applicable MBE requirements, as set forth in R.I. Gen. Law 37-14.1-1, *et seq.* The State's goal is for a minimum ten per cent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, contact the State MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or Charles.Newton@doa.ri.gov. Visit the website <http://www.mbe.ri.gov/>

END OF QUESTIONS.